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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral W. S. Delaney
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Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Comments on First Draft of Ninth Battle Act Report

1. A few of my people have reviewed the first draft of the Ninth Battle Act Report issued on 24 November 1957. I am forwarding their comments for such use as you may deem appropriate. As in the past, our attention has been directed only to statements relating to the Sino-Soviet Bloc economic activities.

2. With reference to Chapter II, the following suggestions are provided:

a. Page II-1, line 6. This line obviously should read "foreign policy objectives" rather than "foreign policy objections."

b. Page II-3, lines 13-14. During the 12-month period referred to, Syria and India signed 4 and 1 new trade agreements respectively with the Bloc; the others were negotiated at a prior date. The sentence accordingly, is slightly misleading and might be deleted.

c. Page II-4, line 5. Should be "By mid-1957."

d. Page II-4, lines 6-7. The reference to offers outstanding should probably be dropped. The figure, \$325 million, is probably based on EIC-R34-S3. We do not disagree with it, but we have found that the validity of this estimate is dubious. Very few of the offers outstanding that we have listed in the past have been accepted, but on the other hand several that we have not listed, because we had no information concerning them, have been accepted.

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